

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 4, 5, and 9-11 are allowed.

Claim 3 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 3 has been amended to independent form herein.

Claims 7 and 12 have been amended to clarify the claimed invention. The amendment is supported by at least Figs. 1, 2 and 9. No new matter is entered.

Claim 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicant's have clarified claims 6 and 7 and therefore it is respectfully requested the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Brown et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,134,652).

Claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled herein obviating the rejection.

Claims 7 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Yoneda et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,852,405) (Yoneda).

It is respectfully submitted that the cited reference Yoneda does not disclose the features of claims 7 or 12 for at least the following reasons:

Applicant's claims 7 and 12 include an interface of said one arbitrary communication terminal device that has a function of operating with an independent power supply connected to a line control unit of said one arbitrary communication terminal device.


The Office Action refers to Figs. 1 and 5 to show the notifying and col. 7, lines 23-26 with regard to an independent power supply. However the interface 21a of Yoneda (FIGS. 1 and 5) is not described as having a function of operating with an independent power supply. A power supply turn on sequence is described, however it is described for all the other structure elements (especially, a table 22) in the master station 11 or 12.

For at least the foregoing reasons it is respectfully requested the rejection of claims 7 and 12 be withdrawn.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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